उर्वरकों के पुराने स्टाक पर नयी दरों पर बिक्री मूल्य वसूल किया जाना

1453. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह सूचना मिली है कि कुछ उर्वरक व्यापारी सरकारी कर्मचारियों की मदद से उर्वरकों के पुराने स्टाक की नयी दरों पर बेच रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकारी कर्मचारियों द्वारा किये जा रहे इस कदाचार के विरुद्ध अभी तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) कोई विशिष्ट और सत्यापन योग्य मामला सरकार के ध्यान में नहीं आया जिसमें उर्वरक व्यापारी सरकारी कर्मचारियों की मदद से उर्वरकों के बजट-पूर्व स्टाक को नयी दरों पर बेच रहे हों ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

लखनऊ स्थित हिन्दुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड के एकक में लड़ाकू विमानों में घटिया पुर्जों का इस्तेमाल

1454. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि लखनऊ स्थित हिन्दुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड के एकक में लड़ाकू विमानों में घटिया किस्म के पुर्जे लगाये जाने का समाचार है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सम्बद्ध अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Services of Central Public Sector Undertakings Officers in U.P.

1455. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had issued a communication in May to Government of Uttar Pradesh for taking up the services of its officers in the Central Public Sector Undertakings, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that rules were violated in this process; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The exchange of correspondence between the Govt. of India and the State Governments, including the Govt. of U.P. is a routine process for taking up the services of the officers of the State Governments in the Central Public Sector Undertakings. No rules were violated in the process by the competent authority while taking a decision in the matter.

1456. [*Transferred to the 9th September, 1991*].

Expenditure on Rural Development

1457. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present rural population in the country;

(b) the percentage of national income being spent on rural development schemes at present; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the expenditure on rural development

schemes keeping in view the proportion of the rural population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The rural population of India according to 1991 census provisional results is 627.1 million.

(b) The National Accounts Statistics do not present separate estimates of investment in rural and urban areas. However, estimates of net domestic product (NDP) in rural and urban areas are made for the census years. The rural NDP was 58.85 per cent of the aggregate NDP of the country in 1980-81.

(c) The plan expenditure on rural development programmes was raised from Rs. 4291.14 crores in the Sixth Plan to Rs. 11781.20 crores in the Seventh Plan. Schemes under the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) are also mainly for the benefit of rural areas. The plan expenditure on MNP was raised from Rs. 6497 crores in Sixth Plan to Rs. 13243 crores in Seventh Plan. In addition, rural areas also benefit from general developmental programmes.

Installation of TV Transmitters in Arunachal Pradesh

1458. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some high power TV Transmitters have been installed in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of places district-wise where they have been installed;

(c) whether Government propose to instal more such transmitters in Arunachal Pradesh in the current year and in the next year; and

(d) if so, the names of the places selected for the purpose and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A high power TV transmitter is functioning at Itanagar in Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such approved scheme at present.

(d) The expansion of TV service to the uncovered areas of the State can be undertaken only in a phased manner depending upon the availability of the resources.

Migration of Scientists and Technocrats

1459. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scientists and technocrats who have migrated to foreign countries during the last 3 years, year-wise and country-wise break up; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Some of our scientists and technologists do migrate to other countries. From a pilot study of selected IIT graduates, it is clear that several go abroad for higher studies in the first instance and seek prolonged employment thereafter. It is, therefore, proving extremely difficult to keep track of the actual numbers of Science and Technology personnel deciding on staying abroad. Several measures have been taken from time to time to minimise the outflow as also to attract scientists and technologists abroad to return to India. Some of these are:

— Creation of new scientific Departments/Organisations, as